Dear Resident

Welcome to the University of Manchester, and especially to Hulme Hall and Burkhardt House, which will be your home for the forthcoming academic year. You have become part of a dynamic and active community of about 450 students from all over the world, and part of the larger community within Manchester. If this is your first time here then we are sure that you will make many new friends. Moving away from home and meeting new people can be a difficult and challenging time, but with up to 20 other people in your flat or on your corridor, you will quickly get to know others in the same situation.

To help you during your time here at Hulme Hall and Burkhardt House, we have a Residential Life Team (ResLife). Members of the team are assigned to each of the blocks, and you will meet your block Advisor within the first few days of arriving at the hall. We are here to help with any questions or problems relating to your accommodation and general living situation, to promote Health and Safety awareness and also to help maintain some order and discipline so that everyone can enjoy a comfortable and pleasant environment in which to live, relax, and of course to study.

Your block Residential Life Advisor (RLA) will be your primary contact during your time at Hulme and Burkhardt. They will meet with you regularly to check things are going well, and to pass on important information.

Reception is open from 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday, and for urgent or emergency issues out-of-hours, you can contact the Duty RLA between 6pm – 8am Monday-Friday and all day at weekends on 07990 561983.

Throughout the year we will also be posting news and information on our new official Facebook page www.facebook.com/UoMResLife/?fref=nf.

Before arriving in Manchester, please familiarise yourself with the Residences Guide and the Terms and Conditions of Residence which contain a lot of useful information as well as advice on such things as what you can and cannot bring to Halls. They also contain guidelines on acceptable behaviour and conduct whilst living in Halls. Both are available for you to read on the Accommodation website at www.accommodation.manchester.ac.uk - by accepting your place you are agreeing to abide by these regulations.

Your Hall’s Residents Association (JCR) will be set up at the start of the year, and we will be looking for volunteers to come forward to organise events, trips, and sport for our residents. Getting involved with your JCR is a great opportunity to meet lots of people, get involved with all sorts of events and gain some good experience for your future career - I would urge you put yourself forward! Past events have included talent shows, masquerade balls, cheese and wine evenings, and sports days. What events would you like to help organise at Hulme Hall and Burkhardt House?

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at michael.a.mercer@manchester.ac.uk or look on the Accommodation website. On behalf of the ResLife Team I hope that you will enjoy your time living in Hulme Hall and Burkhardt House, and we look forward to welcoming you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Mercer

Residential Life Officer (RLO),